upon materials related to the Acid Deposition Program. These include draft annual reports to the Governor and General Assembly and research studies produced by the Program (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102 (d), 3-303).

SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Executive Committee Dr. Rosa G. de Pena, Chairperson

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Formerly the Environmental Research Guidance Committee, the Science Advisory Board was established in 1986. The Board identifies research priorities for the Power Plant Topical Research Program and invites proposals for research projects. The Board reviews project proposals, technical progress reports, and draft final project reports. Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, members serve three-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102(d), 3-303).

COOPERATIVE OXFORD LABORATORY BOARD OF VISITORS

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An advisory body, the Board of Visitors periodically reviews the mission, facilities, and accomplishments of the Cooperative Oxford Laboratory. Originally a federal research center, the Laboratory in 1987 became a joint research and monitoring facility of the Department of Natural Resources, and the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Located on the Tred Avon River, the Laboratory is a complex of laboratories and experimental ponds, with an extensive scientific library. Laboratory work focuses on diagnosing and monitoring diseases of shellfish and finfish. A unit of the National Marine Mammal Stranding Network also is based there.

POWER PLANT & ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DIVISION

Peter M. Dunbar, Director (410) 974-2261

The Power Plant and Environmental Review Division originated in 1971 as the Power Plant Siting Program (Chapter 31, Acts of 1971). The Program, by 1986, was renamed the Power Plant Research Program under the Energy Administration. In 1988, the Program was reorganized by the Department under the Tidewater Administration as the Power Plant and Environmental Review Division.

The Division is responsible for the environmental reviews formerly carried out by the Fisheries Division, the Coastal Resources Division, and the Power Plant Research Program. The Division evaluates growth and development controls needed to prevent adverse effects on Chesapeake Bay and other resources. To assess the broad total impact of projects and programs, the Division also conducts cumulative and regional environmental reviews (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-301 through 3-307).

The Power Plant and Environmental Review Division is served by the Power Plant Research Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Board.

POWER PLANT RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE Vacancy, Chairperson

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Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Committee advises the Secretary on the Power Plant Research Program (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 1-102(d), 3-303).

BOATING ADMINISTRATION

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The Boating Administration was formed by the Department in 1988. Within the Administration are five programs: Administration; Waterway Improvement; Planning and Policy; Shore Erosion Control; and Ocean City Beach Replenishment and Hurricane Protection.

ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM Kathy T. Lantz, Director (410) 974-2908

The Administration Program is responsible for budget, fiscal and personnel management; public information; and management information services. Administration also schedules, operates, and maintains three State vessels: the State yacht *Maryland Independence*; the work boat *H. J. Elser*; and the skipjack *Anna McGarvey*. The Program is responsible as well for two State marinas. It operates Somers Cove Marina, home of the Annual Crab Derby in Crisfield. It also monitors the contract for managing the Fort Washington Marina at Piscataway Bay off the Potomac River in Prince George's County.

WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Robert P. Gaudette, *Director* (410) 974-2743

The Waterway Improvement Program was created in 1972 to serve the boating public (Chapter 348, Acts of 1972). The Program places and maintains navigational aids, clears debris and obstructions from Maryland waters, and removes derelict